



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX**

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Ms. Janet Whitlock
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Re: Yosemite Creek Sediment Site; San Francisco, CA
Notification and Request for Coordination with Natural Resources Trustees

Dear Ms. Whitlock, Mr. Dixon, and Ms. Yamamoto:

In accordance with Section 104(b)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (CERCLA/SARA) and 40 CFR Part 300 (the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan), I am writing to formally notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined through ongoing investigations that potential injuries to natural resources may have resulted from releases of CERCLA hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Yosemite Creek Sediment site (also known as the Yosemite Slough site) located at the intersection of Yosemite Avenue and Hawes Street, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. For your convenience, a site location map and brief description of the site is included in Enclosure 1.

In addition, I am writing to initiate coordination efforts between all interested parties at the Yosemite Creek Sediment site including Natural Resource Trustees. Over the next several months, EPA intends to develop and issue an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) document pursuant to non-time critical removal authority allowed under 40 CFR Part 300.415(b)(4). The EE/CA will identify the preferred response action for the subject site. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, please provide EPA with any specific natural resource related concerns regarding the contamination in Yosemite Slough, information on current and future beneficial uses of the slough, and any natural resources that may be present at the site and adjacent areas.

EPA has designated the following CERCLA remedial project managers for the Yosemite Creek Sediment site:

- Craig Cooper Superfund Project Manager, (415) 947-4148, cooper.craig@epa.gov
- Melinda Garvey, Superfund Project Manager, (415) 947-4184, garvey.melinda@epa.gov

For purposes of exchanging Trustee technical information with EPA, Ned Black, Regional CERCLA Ecologist, will be EPA's primary point of contact for natural resource trustee issues and concerns at the Yosemite Creek Sediment site. Mr. Black's contact information is (415) 972-3055 and black.ned@epa.gov.

As appropriate, please notify EPA of the name, position and contact information of the staff person at your agency to be assigned to this project. EPA will be in contact with your designated agency representative concerning upcoming site walks and technical meetings concerning the development of the EE/CA.

EPA looks forward to working with all Natural Resource Trustees interested in the Yosemite Creek Sediment site.

Sincerely,



John Chesnutt
Chief, Navy & Army Section
Superfund Division

Enclosure

cc: Ross Steenson, RWQCB
Ryan Miya, DTSC
Rafael Montes, BCDC
Gary Stern, NOAA

ENCLOSURE 1
SUMMARY OF SITE INFORMATION

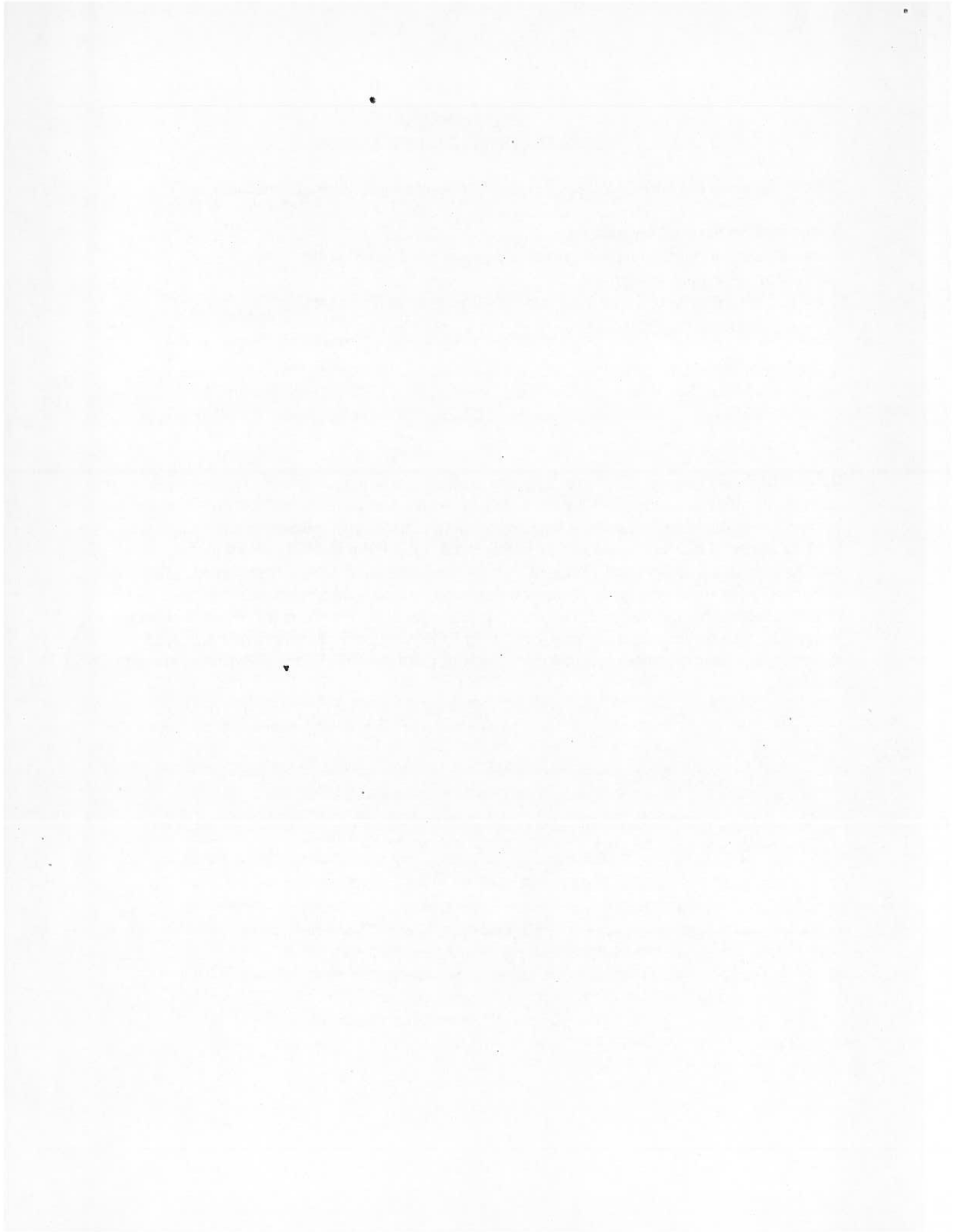
Name of Site: Yosemite Creek Sediment site (aka Yosemite Slough Sediment site)

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Location of Site: The Yosemite Creek site is located at the intersection of Yosemite Avenue and Hawes Street, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. The geographic coordinates of the site are 37° 43' 23" North latitude and 122° 23' 32" West longitude. See Figure 1 attached.

Brief Site Description: The Site is approximately 1,600 feet long and 200 feet wide with an area of 320,000 square feet and it is located within the Yosemite Creek drainage basin. Before 1900, the area around the site consisted of primarily of wetlands, marshland, or land submerged below the mean tide level. Between 1940 and 1970, much of the surrounding area underwent resident, commercial, and industrial development. The site historically received sewage and stormwater overflows and stormwater runoff. At low tide, the sediments over a majority of the site are exposed. Previous investigations have shown the site sediments to be impacted with PCBs, metals including chromium, lead, mercury, and zinc, petroleum hydrocarbons, and pesticides including chlordane, dieldrin, and DDT.



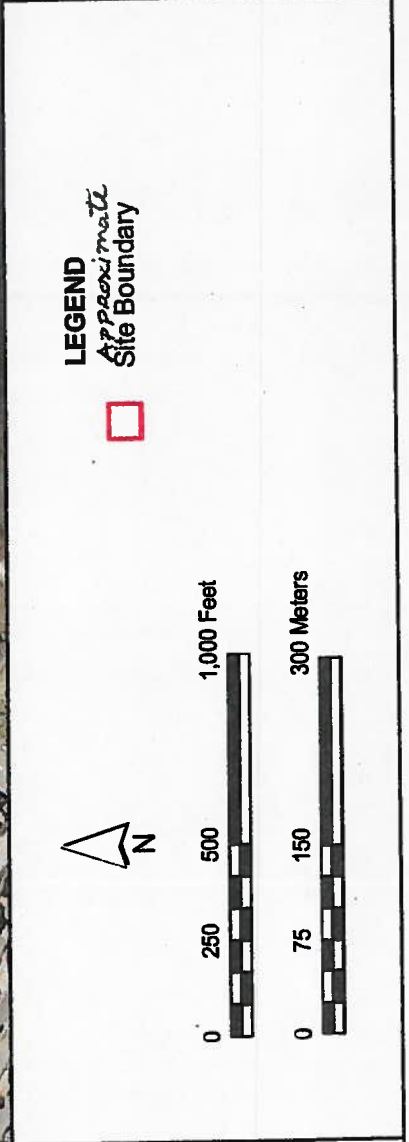


Figure 1
Site Location Map
Yosemite Creek
Sediment Removal
Assessment
San Francisco, California

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